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SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN FASCELL'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER

1. DURING COURSE OF FORTY MINUTE INTERVIEW JANUARY 9 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, LUCIO PAREDES, CONGRESSMAN FASCELL AND HE DISCUSSED U.S./ECUADOREAN RELATIONS, "WATERGATE" AND THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM, THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF GOE, AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA. THIS TELEGRAM REPORTS THAT PART OF THE CONVERSATION CONCERNING U.S./ECUADOREAN RELATIONS.

2. FONMIN AFTER WELCOMING CONGRESSMAN FASCELL AND EXPRESSING PLEASURE WITH HIS VISIT TO ECUADOR, SAID THAT HE AND THE GOE WERE VERY PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S WAIVER OF THE AID DEDUCT PROVISIONS OF THE FISHERMAN'S PROTECTIVE ACT AND THE CONGRESS' ELIMINATION OF THE VAN DEERLIN AMENDMENT FROM THE FAA. REFERRING TO HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT (QUITO 0108), HE SAID THESE WERE TWO IMPORTANT STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. FONMIN ADDED THAT THERE STILL REMAINED ONE OR TWO (UNSPECIFIED) PROBLEMS WHICH COULD BECOME BIGGER IF THEY ARE NOT TAKEN CARE OF PROMPTLY:

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IF THESE CAN BE OVERCOME, WE CAN BEGIN TO ACHIEVE BROADER

UNDERSTANDING.

3. CONGRESSMAN FASCELL TOLD OF HIS LONG INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA IN GENERAL AND ECUADOR IN PARTICULAR, AND AGREED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE REMOVAL OR WAIVER OF SANCTIONS WAS IMPORTANT TO OUR GOOD RELATIONS. HE COMPLIMENTED THE FONMIN ON HIS SKILL AND RESTRAINT IN HANDLING THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. LUCIO PAREDES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS HAD NOT ALWAYS BEEN AN EASY TASK, BUT SAID THAT THE GOE HAD BEEN ABLE TO SIT BECAUSE IT WAS A STABLE REGIME AND HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE ECUADOREAN PEOPLE.
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